

When a packet data is transmitted, a sync pattern comprising 'q' words ('q' = m + n) is added to the data. The 'q' words is formed by combining a fixed pattern comprising 'm' words ('m' is an integer greater than 0) with plural types of variable patterns each comprising 'n' words ('n' is an integer greater than 1). In this case, a bit structure included in at least two consecutive packets should include different types of variable patterns.

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